

INSTRUCTION

Addition and Deletion of Courses and Programs

A. Addition of General Education Courses and Programs and Academic and Arts Academy Programs

The Superintendent may recommend to the School Board the addition of courses and programs.

New courses and programs, including the academic and arts academy programs, which may improve the educational opportunity for students, are encouraged by the School Board to the limits of financial practicability, student interest, and student need.

The Superintendent or designee may recommend to the School Board the implementation of an Academy program, the expansion of an existing Academy program, or the deletion of an existing Academy program. Information on the process for creating/modifying an Academy Program is promulgated in School Board Policy 6-45 and School Board Regulation 6-24.2.

All new courses and programs must have the approval of the School Board. All new programs must include a provision for assessment by the Department of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability. All new courses must be assessed by the Department of Teaching and Learning. Exceptions shall include school-sponsored programs funded with money raised at the school or provided by benefactor programs and not considered of an experimental nature. Such programs will be approved by the Chief Academic Officer.

~~When approving courses that the Virginia Board of Education has not provided guidance for, the approved courses should be aligned with applicable regulations or law. The School Board and Superintendent shall conform to the regulations of the Virginia Board of Education in offering courses for which there are no state-adopted textbooks.~~

B. Deletion of General Education Courses and Programs and Academic and Arts Academy Programs

The Superintendent may recommend the deletion of courses and programs including the academic and arts academy programs based on, but not limited to: decline in student enrollment; inappropriate content; curriculum covered in other courses; changes in the Standards of Accreditation or Virginia Standards of Learning; unfavorable program evaluations; funding availability; or other good and just cause. Exceptions shall include school-sponsored programs funded with money raised at the school or provided by benefactor programs and not considered of an experimental nature and have been approved by the Chief Academic Officer. The school principal has the authority to discontinue such programs.

C. Sunset Provision

~~Beginning September 1, 2007, all~~ All new program proposals shall include a sunset provision. This provision will include a date by which the program will sunset unless reauthorized by the School Board. This date will be subject to School Board approval and shall be no more than five (5) years after the program's implementation date.

Legal Reference

Virginia Board of Education Regulations. 8-VAC-20-131-10, *et seq.*, as amended. Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia.

Related Links

School Board [Regulation 6-24.2](#)

School Board [Policy 6-45](#)

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APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


